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COVER PICTURE:

Here is a good example of the necessary close relationship between school and community. The policeman with the worried look on his face is Michael Hogan, known as "Mike" to residents of Albany's Pine Hills section and their children of Public School 16. Mike is by nature most cheerful, but when he is watching over his young charges he manifests the anxiety of a mother hen. Last year he was transferred away from the intersection of Allen street and Madison and Western avenues where he has been stationed since 1938. Albanians raised such a rumpus that the police force had him back at his accustomed post the next morning. He is shown here on the first day of school.


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## *Message to the Schools*

THIS SEPTEMBER throughout the Empire State more than two million children are welcomed back to school. Here they work, live and learn together, accepting their privileges as future citizens of the democracy. In striving to hold these privileges secure, every individual teacher may well feel a heavy responsibility and a great satisfaction.

The year ahead brings grave problems. Mounting international tensions, a world-wide economic unbalance, uncertainty and fear are everywhere. These tensions are reflected in the classrooms of every school to a greater extent than many people realize. We who guide and teach young America must meet the situation with sympathetic understanding, calm determination and the high resolve that no single child shall be denied his American heritage of education.

In many districts, too, there are pressing local problems which must be faced. Increased enrolments, overcrowded classrooms and inadequate school buildings are some of the culminating problems arising out of the war years which have produced a national crisis in education. Such problems can be solved only by careful planning, hard labor and an increasing cooperation and understanding with the communities in which each one of us works.

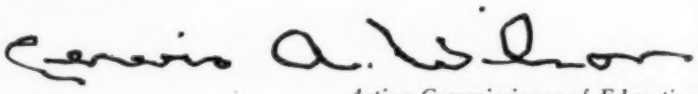
Despite these problems the past year has seen significant gains in education in New York State. The salary law of 1947 specifically provides for the participation of teachers themselves in determining their professional aims and advancement. Teachers throughout the State are to be congratulated for their cooperation with school administrators and members of boards of education in working out professional standards for salary promotions in accordance with the new law. Hundreds of New York State communities have shown a lively and sympathetic understanding of the problems of the teaching profession. Salaries are at the highest levels in history.

Centralization of rural schools has proceeded apace, and the "intermediate district" law has given a new and significant impetus to the increase of educational opportunity for children in the rural areas. On the level of higher education, gratifying strides have been made in filling the educational gap between the high school and the liberal arts colleges and professional schools. Planning for a State University is under way. The State has committed itself to an antidiscrimination program which will widen educational opportunities for great numbers of our youth. All these things are on the credit side. In themselves they may solve no problems but they point the direction in which we are traveling.

In the year ahead, the teacher has a tremendous challenge and a great oppor-

tunity — the challenge of guiding an alert, healthy, well-trained America, united in defense of the democratic way of life against all attacks from within or without; the opportunity of creating a deep and genuine appreciation of our American heritage.

This is our purpose and program of democratic teaching in the year 1948 and to this end we, in the Education Department, pledge our best efforts to help every teacher in the State. My heartfelt good wishes go to every one of you as you accept your responsibilities.



*Acting Commissioner of Education*

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# Technical Institutes Set a Milestone

The first class to be graduated from the State's new technical institutes received certificates in retail business management at Utica on June 29th. The class, consisting of 24 men and 8 women, completed the two-year course in one year and nine months.

Commissioner of Education Francis T. Spaulding, addressing the graduates, called the occasion "historic" since it marked the first graduation from the only state-wide system of technical institutes in the United States. He remarked on the extraordinary interest shown by both educators and the public in the unique experiment of technical institutes launched in New York State, and added:

While we in New York are pioneers in this new educational development, we still have a very long way to go before the need is filled. After the Board of Regents recommended the establishment of several Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences back in 1944, the State Education Department made an exhaustive study of the need for these schools and for their graduates.

What the Department studies found indicates how little we have done compared with what needs to be done. The studies showed that there was a need in New York State each year to fill 25,000 technician jobs of the types for which students in the institutes are now being trained. They pointed out that in 1940, 65,000 high school graduates did not continue their education. If it were assumed that not more than 13,000 of these might enrol in Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences if they were established in areas not too distant from their homes, and that 60 per cent of these would continue beyond one year of study, that meant a potential of 21,000 students in the two-year institutes at a given time. According to the educational experts making the studies, it was probable that some 10,000 students would be graduated each year. That meant that annually there would be 10,000 graduates to fill 25,000 jobs.

We now have five Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences, of which this one in Utica was the first to open its doors. By next fall, the over-all enrolment of these institutes will number 4500. What we have done may be important. It is easy to see that what we still have to do is still more important.

*Associate Commissioner Lawrence L. Jarvie will discuss the State's technical training program in an early issue of the Bulletin*

# "Not One Child Shall Be Injured"

## New Bulletin Discusses Safety Instruction and Guidance in the Schools

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A SIGNIFICANT SAFETY publication recently distributed to the schools by the State Education Department proposes that "not one child shall be injured, maimed or killed" as a result of school transportation in New York State. This proposition might well be a watchword for all of us during the new year.

Prior to the opening of the new school year, plans have been carefully laid not alone for the safe transportation of children to and from school but for a well-rounded program of safety education at all grade levels. Transportation facilities, school buildings and grounds, all the equipment for work, play and recreation and tentative curriculum plans have been inventoried and made ready for full and safe use by teachers and children.

Now is the time, during the early weeks of school, for giving especial attention not only to desirable practices in using the school buses but to the use of safe and sound procedures as a part of the teaching in all areas of the program, to specifically and carefully planned safety instruction and to individual guidance of the children in the kindergarten and primary groups and the older children who fail to assume responsibility for their own safety and that of others.

Now is the time to consider safety in general staff meetings and to organize study groups of parents and teachers.

Finally, now is the time to use every possible means to obtain the active cooperation of all community organizations in a joint effort on behalf of "safety for more and better adventures." By creating a favorable environment for the children, by guiding them in developing satisfying habits of work and play that meet their needs and by finding desirable ways of control when control is needed — thus children will have ample opportunity to grow in self-control, to become increasingly self-directing in all their activity as they advance from grade to grade and to gain a growing appreciation of their responsibility for their own and others' safety. In fact, safety has been a by-product of such programs as they have been carried on in the schools.

In the last analysis (but how does one know it will be the last?), it is well to consider the possibility that it is we educators who may be largely to blame if "a single child be injured, maimed or killed" and, likewise, it may be we educators who, to a large extent, may be responsible for the development of those pupils who reach maturity with sound physical health and a sound mental outlook on life and its problems.

The publication which the Education Department has distributed should be an important factor in our safety program. It is entitled School Transportation Responsibilities. Prepared under the supervision of Maurice G. Osborne, Chief of

the Department's Bureau of Field Services, it was compiled by the New York State Central School Principals Association, the New York State Association of District Superintendents of Schools and the Education Department.

Every person concerned with the welfare of the children and youth of the State will welcome the concrete guidance the bulletin offers. Individually and in group conference, school staffs — and parents — will study and put into use its specific suggestions and regulations concerning the safe transportation of pupils and the guidance of children in developing desirable practices in relation to present-day traffic and their conduct on school buses, and in becoming increasingly self-reliant in solving their own safety problems and those of their school and community.

While every staff member — and every parent — will want to give careful consideration to the bulletin as a whole, each will be vitally concerned with one or more sections directed specifically to his own particular part in the broad transportation program. These sections deal with the responsibilities of the pupil, the parent, the teacher, the board of education, the school administrator and the school bus driver himself. Obviously, most effectual use of the materials in the bulletin will be promoted if the school administrator finds it practicable to prepare copies of the individual sections for distribution to the persons immediately responsible for the various aspects of the program.

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# Bus Drivers Take Training Course

In organizing a course of training for drivers of its new district-owned fleet of 11 55-passenger buses, the East Greenbush Central School inaugurated a new program among the central schools of the State. The course, offered to all drivers and substitute drivers of the district by the Board of Education, was given under the direction of Burton H. Belknap and Otto J. Stewart, transportation supervisors in the Bureau of Field Services of the Department, at Columbia High School August 26th–28th. The course had a full attendance by all the drivers for the district.

Sessions included a study of the bus driver's relationship to school officials, parents and students; first aid; bus maintenance; traffic laws and signals. At the close of the course, participants took a test of driving skills, including brake tests, parallel parking and driving through a closed area. To emphasize the points covered by the course, a movie, "Precious Cargo," was shown.

Instructors included supervising principals of other central schools — William Hendron of Greenwich, John Moehle of West Canada Valley, Elton Shaver of Margaretville and Willard Streeter of Salem.

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## Broadcast Series

Lucy Kinloch, librarian of the Great Neck County Library, Long Island, recently initiated a series of two-minute broadcasts, "Books in Your Village Library," on a Hempstead station.

# Salary Law Brings Added Benefits

## Higher Pay Schedules and Increased Participation of Teachers are Reported

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IN ORDER TO POOL experience in applying the 1947 Teachers' Salary Law during the experimental period, and make this experience available to all schools, a series of studies on the operation and effects of the law is being carried on by the Division of Research. A report will summarize standards and procedures being used throughout the State.

Studies now in progress include: an analysis of the organization and personnel of local advisory committees, an analysis of standards and procedures for granting promotional increments as recommended by local committees and an analysis of actual salaries to be paid in 1948–49. Certain developments are already apparent from these studies and are briefly summarized below.

Reports of local advisory committees show much thought and conscientious work on the part of these committees. Considering limitations of time and of previous experience with the problem, remarkable progress has been made in setting up standards and procedures for applying the law throughout the State. Based on these advisory committee reports, boards of education have adopted bylaws governing the granting of promotional increments. It appears that boards of education tend to adopt the advisory committee reports as bylaws with little or no revision.

Reports of local committees indicate widespread recognition of the values derived from the democratic pattern of administration prescribed in the law, which has resulted in full teacher participation in setting up objectives or standards of achievement to be used in appraising their effectiveness.

A preliminary review of standards recommended by local committees shows a very strong emphasis on direct service to pupils, the "a" area of the law, as the basis for teacher appraisal. The typical weighting given this area is close to 80 per cent. Professional study comes second in a state-wide sampling of weighted plans, with community services and nonschool activities averaging about 6 per cent each.

Many different approaches to the problem of weighting the various services and evidences have been used. Some districts have made no provision for numerical scores. Others have devised ingenious weighting and scoring systems.

There are indications that the intent of the law with respect to appraisal of teaching is being more and more generally recognized, namely, that "rating" is not imposed on teachers by the law. Rather a well-safeguarded system of evaluation is now provided through more thorough and objective procedures. The guaranteed opportunity for teacher participation in setting up the standards whereby they are to be judged assures teacher familiarity with these criterions. This active participation, the access to cumula-

tive records granted teachers and the provision for continued participation on the part of teachers in the revision and refinement of standards and procedures represent new opportunities which may be found to exceed even the financial benefits that are more immediately apparent.

Financial benefits anticipated for teachers under provisions of the 1947 Teachers' Salary Law have been greatly increased by the action of local boards of education. A steadily increasing number of districts are adopting schedules in excess of the state minimums.

Of the first 100 salary schedules reviewed since July 1, 1948, 20, or one in five, provide a fully automatic series of increments, thereby guaranteeing maximum teacher salaries at $4100 to $4710 according to size of district and amount of training. Where the June 1, 1948, report, issued by the Division of Research, showed approximately one-half of the cities and about one-third of the villages had exceeded the state schedules, recent revisions show a much higher percentage exceeding these minimums. On the same basis, it is obvious that current local schedules guarantee much higher percentages of teachers will reach these promotional levels. The most common revision has been an increase in the number of automatic increments. This upward trend in salary scheduling necessitates a further revision of early estimates that approximately 75 per cent of the teachers who continue in service six years would advance to salaries of $3200–$3720 in upstate New York and approximately 25 per cent of those continuing 15 years would receive $4100–$4710, plus $200 a year for teachers with five years of training in each case.

Recognition of the continued rise in living costs, the shortage of qualified teachers and the inclination to make schedules automatic to as high a figure as possible have doubtless been the chief factors in this large increase in teacher benefits. The unprecedented public support for more nearly professional wages, apparent throughout the country, has undoubtedly had its influence.

From information available to date it appears that very few districts have had occasion to grant promotional increments on a merit basis this year. There are two principal reasons for this situation: (1) The law requires that districts grant promotional increments to certain percentages of the teachers as rapidly as these teachers become eligible in terms of salary and years of service. These promotions are required only at steps 6, 9, 12 and 15 of the schedule. In a large number of districts few, if any, teachers were on these steps in 1947–48. In such cases all who were eligible were automatically promoted; (2) A great many districts adopted schedules which provide for nine or more automatic increments, which in turn postponed the necessity for making selections based on the quality of service.

In general, it may safely be said at this time: (1) that actual current practices in salary scheduling provide benefits well beyond the legal minimums of the 1947 law for large percentages of the teachers in New York State; (2) that much progress has been made in developing standards and procedures for local application of the law; (3) that the participation of teachers, supervisors and administrators in this project has focused the attention of all school personnel on teaching objectives in a manner not previously achieved on a state-wide basis; (4) that teachers consider direct service rendered to pupils within the school of vastly greater importance than services of other types mentioned in the law; and (5) that upward revision of salary schedules is continuing with more automatic increments, the most common type of revision.

# Distinguished Speakers Will Address Convocation October 15th

THE 82D CONVOCATION of The University of the State of New York will be held in Chancellors Hall in the State Education Building, Albany, Friday afternoon and evening, October 15th.

The afternoon session, starting at 2.30 o'clock, will honor local school board members throughout the State and will feature a discussion on "Home Rule in Education." The evening session, beginning at 8 o'clock, will hear Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature; Dr F. Cyril James, principal of McGill University in Montreal; and President Dwight D. Eisenhower of Columbia University.

Mr Cousins' topic will be "Education for an Atomic Age." Doctor James will discuss "Canadian-American Traditions." General Eisenhower will make the response to the greeting to the new college presidents of the State.

Speaking at the afternoon session will be three distinguished school board members, respectively representing a large city, a medium-sized city and a rural area. They are Andrew G. Clausen, president of the New York City School Board, who will discuss "The Program of Instruction"; Professor Clyde B. Moore of Ithaca, talking on "Selection and Promotion of Teachers"; and Harold L. Fuess of Waterville, who will speak on "School District Organization."

Also speaking at the afternoon session will be Dr John F. Sly of Princeton University, a distinguished authority on school finance.

New superintendents of schools and new college presidents will participate in the academic procession in the evening. The superintendents will be formally presented to the Regents at the afternoon session. The college presidents will be presented in the evening. Dr Oliver C. Carmichael, chairman of the new board of trustees of the State University System, will also be introduced.

Chancellor William J. Wallin will preside at the evening session, and Vice Chancellor John P. Myers will preside in the afternoon.

The Convocation will be opened in the afternoon with a prayer by Rabbi Benjamin Gorrelick of Albany. The invocation in the evening will be given by the Rt Rev. Edward J. Maginn, vicar-general of the Albany diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Dr William Lloyd Imes, director of adult education of the New York State Council of Churches.

Music will be rendered by the Skidmore College Choir, under the direction of Hoyt Irwin.

Following the evening session of the Convocation, the Regents will hold a reception in the Rotunda of the Education Building.

The Convocation is in general charge of a committee composed of Regents William Leland Thompson, Caroline Werner Gannett and W. Kingsland Macy. Fred Warner Neal, Coordinator of Public Relations, is general chairman of the Department committees planning the Convocation, and is assisted by Dr Edwin R. Van Kleeck, Assistant Commissioner of Education.

# Governor Appoints University Board

## Dr Oliver C. Carmichael Heads First Board of Trustees for State University System

APPOINTMENT of the first board of trustees of the State University System established by the 1948 Legislature, was announced on August 25th by Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

Dr Oliver C. Carmichael of New York City was designated as chairman. Doctor Carmichael is president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and special adviser to the Carnegie Corporation. He is a member of the President's Commission on Higher Education and served as vice chairman of the Commission on the Need for a State University in New York State.

Arthur H. Dean of Oyster Bay is vice chairman. Mr Dean is a lawyer, and is chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University.

Other members of the board, which under the law is to serve until July 1, 1954, include the following:

John F. Brosnan of New York City. Mr Brosnan is a lawyer, vice president of the New York County Lawyers' Association, and a trustee of Manhattan College.

Mrs Betty Hawley Donnelly of New York City. Mrs Donnelly is vice president of the New York State Federation of Labor. She is chairman of the State Federation of Labor's committee on education and is secretary of the Advisory Board on Vocational Education of the New York City Board of Education.

Colonel Charles Garside of New York City. Colonel Garside, a lawyer, is chairman of the New York State Commission against Discrimination. He is a member of the advisory committee for the Ditson Fund at Columbia University.

Norman S. Goetz of New York City. Mr Goetz is a lawyer, and president of the Hospital Council of Greater New York, a director of the New York Adult Education Council and a director of the Greater New York Fund.

Frederick F. Greenman of New York City. Mr Greenman, a lawyer, is a member of the Administrative Board of the Hebrew Union College, School of Religious Education in New York.

Dr George E. Haynes of New York City. Doctor Haynes is secretary emeritus of the Department of Race Religions, Federal Council of Churches; cofounder and former executive director of the National Urban League for Social Service among Negroes; and a former trustee of Dillard University.

Dr Paul Klapper of Flushing. Doctor Klapper is president emeritus of Queens College and temporary director of the Board of Higher Education's coordinated teacher education program of the New York City colleges. Doctor Klapper was a member of the Commission on the Need for a State University in New York State.

Dr Irving Langmuir of Schenectady. Doctor Langmuir, an internationally famous chemist and physicist and consultant in nuclear physics, is associate director of the General Electric Research Laboratories.

Earl John Machold of Syracuse. Mr Machold is president of the Niagara Hudson Power Corporation, and a trustee of Syracuse University.

Frank C. Moore of Kenmore. Mr Moore is Comptroller of the State of New York. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the finance committee of Hobart and William Smith Colleges at Geneva.

Joseph J. Myler of Rochester. Mr Myler is secretary and treasurer of Neisner Brothers, Inc., a chain store corporation. He is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hobart College and William Smith College.

Edward N. Scheiberling of Albany. Mr Scheiberling, a lawyer, is past New York Department and past National Commander of the American Legion.

Henry Sherwood of Pine Plains. Mr Sherwood is Master of the New York State Grange and is Overseer in the National Grange.

In announcing the appointments, Governor Dewey said:

A great University System can not be built in a day any more than a tradition is made overnight. Many of our state colleges are now closely and successfully integrated with existing great institutions and that association is highly advantageous to all concerned. The growth of the University System will, I hope, bring about ever improved education and broader opportunities to all our youth. Its greatness will depend upon the synthesis of superior scholarship, leadership and prestige which it develops. To this task which is of such critical importance to the future of our State, the trustees whom I have appointed today will, I know, bring high abilities and a devoted interest to the public welfare.

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## Bureau Renamed

By action of the Board of Regents at its June meeting the name of the Bureau of Physically Handicapped Children was changed to Bureau for Handicapped Children and the Bureau was placed under the supervision of the Assistant Commissioner for Instructional Supervision. It had been under the supervision of the Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education.

The Bureau for Handicapped Children has charge of special classes for all types of physically handicapped children and children with retarded mental development. It has supervision of the residential schools for the deaf and the blind and of the residential schools and public school classes for delinquent children.

## Frank Wood Dies

Frank W. Wood, first Director of the Division of School Buildings and Grounds of the Department, died at his home in Chatham June 29th. He retired from the Department in 1929, after an association with the State that covered 34 years. He was inspector of training classes in the Department of Public Instruction from 1895 until 1904 when he was made Chief of the Inspections Division of the State Education Department. In 1915 he was appointed Director of the newly organized Division of School Buildings and Grounds, and continued in that position until his retirement.

Mr Wood was one of the founders of the National Council of Schoolhouse Construction and served as its president for one year.

# How Can We Get More Teachers?

## Committee Suggests Plan for Community Study of Local Conditions

TEACHERS FOR TODAY'S SCHOOLS is the title of a study prepared by the Office of Research, State Education Department, in an effort to discover the reasons for the declining personnel in the teaching profession. Based on the evidence that too many good teachers are leaving, and able young people are not entering the profession in sufficient numbers to fill the needs, the study aims to suggest ways of correcting unfavorable conditions. It is planned for early fall publication.

The study guide will provide for broad participation by laymen in a community study of the changed conditions of living today, of the increased demands made upon the schools, the type of teacher necessary to meet these demands, and the action needed to secure and retain such teachers.

The Council of School Superintendents at its 1947 annual meeting adopted unanimously the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Changing social and economic conditions are greatly increasing the demands on teachers, and

WHEREAS, Obtaining teachers with the qualities needed to satisfy these increasing demands will require salaries commensurate with the income of other professional workers having equivalent talents, and

WHEREAS, Higher salaries of teachers will be sustained only with the understanding support of the public, be it

*Resolved*, That the Council of School Superintendents approves the proposal of its Research Committee for a community study of teachers for today's schools and requests the cooperation of the Education Department in planning and directing such study.

The Regents authorized the appointment of the following persons as a committee to assist the Department in developing plans for such a community study as the council had requested: Florence S. Beaumont, assistant superintendent, New York City public schools; Gladys Newell, teacher, Bethlehem Central School, Delmar, representing New York State Teachers Association; Lester B. Foreman, district superintendent, Pittsford, representing New York State Association of District Superintendents of Schools; A. John Holden, coordinator of field services, Geneseo State Teachers College; John L. Miller, superintendent of schools, Great Neck, representing Metropolitan School Study Council; Fred B. Painter, superintendent of schools, Gloversville, representing Council of School Superintendents; and W. Arlo Sylvester, Troy, New York State School Boards Association. Merle W. Tate, Hamilton College, served as a consultant. Paul A. Hedlund and Ralph B. Spence represented the Office of Research.

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## Cullen Elected

James A. Cullen, a member of the faculty of Edison High School, Mount Vernon, was elected New York State Director of the National Education Association at the convention of that association in Cleveland in July. Mr Cullen is president of the Southeastern Zone of the State Teachers Association.

# Pupils' Traffic Court

## Rockville Centre School Conducts an Experiment and Gets Good Results

THE CLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL of Rockville Centre has had unusual success in implementing its safety program with a pupils' traffic court. The traffic court was set up last year to cope with the small numbers of little nonconformists who violated the safety rules enforced by the school safety patrol. Principal Francis X. MacMaster describes how it was organized:

The sixth and seventh grade used a class organization plan for its oral English work, so it was felt that this might be the best fulcrum for the scales of justice to balance on. There were not many cases for the court, so it was decided that once a month the calendar would be cleared. At each session, which was near the close of the day, the violators were brought in by the safety patrolman and the charge read. Each defendant handled his own case, while there was a general prosecutor. Often the court witnessed tears and wailing as the accused regretted his wrongdoing. The result was that the case load of the court dwindled to the point where the court did not meet for a period of two months.

Punishment for wrongdoing was something like this: first a warning; second offense, a detention; third offense, case taken to the principal. If it seemed necessary, I contacted the parents, and all parties concerned brought pressure to bear to correct the child. It is well to note that only one such instance ever advanced that far.

The teachers as a group participated in the safety program, and changes evolved. Definite safety regulations were prepared. The court was found to have insufficient representation of younger children. As a result, the court was altered so that a jury consisting of representatives of grade 2 upward will hear the cases. Teachers were encouraged to attend the court, which will now be held after school, and interested parents may be invited to attend also. The safety program has been developed under Charles Carletta, sixth and seventh grade teacher.

Since the safety program started, Mr MacMaster reports, the "entire school has become aware of the dangers of thoughtlessness in crossing streets, bicycling and traveling through the streets. The school has achieved a splendid structure of public relations with the community. The parents, and teachers too, have been impressed with the values that this organization affords."

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## Floyd Hurlburt Dies

Floyd Hurlburt, superintendent of schools at Bay Shore for 19 years until his retirement in 1939, died July 16th. He had been principal at Bay Shore, Oriskany, West Winfield and Islip.

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## Gilbert R. Lyon Dies

Gilbert R. Lyon, superintendent of schools at Norwich since 1938, died suddenly June 27th. Before going to Norwich he had taught at Hudson Falls and had been supervising principal of high schools at Sag Harbor, East Hampton and Smithtown Branch, Long Island.

# Freedom Train Group Chartered

The Board of Regents at its June meeting granted the following charters:

A provisional charter to the New York State Cultural Heritage Foundation, Inc., whose purpose is to assist in organization and operation of the New York State Freedom Train and other exhibitions to further public interest in the State's contribution to the development of American life. The foundation will work closely with the Temporary State Commission for the State Freedom Train, appointed by the 1948 Legislature, and will issue books, pamphlets and other educational material on the cultural heritage of New York State. A nonprofit organization, its principal office will be located in Albany. Members of the State Freedom Train Commission will act as trustees of the foundation.

A provisional charter to the New York State Vocational and Practical Arts Association, Inc. The association, which has been organized for 25 years, has a large membership of professional workers in the field of vocational and practical arts education, and is prominent for its activities in that field. Headquarters of the association are in Albany. Malcolm B. Galbreath, director of the State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Morrisville, is president of the association, and C. Kenneth Beach, professor of industrial education at Cornell University, is secretary.

To St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, a provisional charter to run for five years. The seminary, now at 537 West 121st street, New York City, has been located in New York since 1938. The charter recognizes the seminary as an institution of higher education for the theological training of candidates for the priesthood in the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America or any other branch of the Orthodox Communion.

An absolute charter to the Hebrew School of Kingston. The school provides instruction in the Hebrew language and religion in classes meeting after public school hours.

An absolute charter to the Oceanside Free Library of Oceanside, Nassau county, and provisional charters to Boston Free Library Association of Boston, Erie county, and the Bellmore Memorial Library, town of Hempstead, Nassau county. The Putnam Valley Free Library of Putnam Valley, Putnam county, was granted a five-year extension of its provisional charter.

The Lake Grove School at Lake Grove, Suffolk county, was granted an amendment to its charter authorizing operation as a coeducational boarding school. This private school was originally chartered as an elementary and secondary school for boys.

At the July meeting of the Regents, the following charter actions were taken:

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, Jordanville, Herkimer county, received a provisional charter valid for five years. This seminary for the education of young men for the priesthood in the Russian Orthodox Church in the United States was started in 1930 by a group of priests and monks of the Russian Orthodox Church " in protest of the recognition of

the Soviet-approved Patriarch of Moscow." The trustees of the seminary are archbishops and bishops of the Russian Orthodox faith in the United States.

A provisional charter, to run for five years, was granted the Parkside Nursery School and Kindergarten, Inc., of 1509 Morris avenue, New York City. This is a private school offering nursery school and kindergarten instruction.

Amendment was granted to the charter of the Institute of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Diocese of Buffalo, to permit the institute's training school, Mount St Joseph Teachers College, to confer the degrees of bachelor of arts and master of arts in addition to other degrees previously authorized.

Change in name was authorized for the following schools at the June meeting of the Board:

Cohocton High School to Cohocton Central School

Colton Union School to Colton-Pierrepont Central School

The Delehanty Institute High School, Jamaica, to the Delehanty High School

Holland High School to Holland Central School

Olmstedville Union School to Minerva Central School

Scio High School to Scio Central School

St Peter's School, Peekskill, was admitted to The University of the State of New York as a private secondary school of high school grade, ninth through twelfth years.

Delehanty Preparatory School, 120 West 42d street, New York City, was registered as a four-year private secondary school.

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# Approve Fifth Year Courses

Fifth year courses of study to be given at four of the state teachers colleges were approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting in Albany on June 18th.

State Teachers College at Oneonta offers graduate study in elementary education; State Teachers College at Plattsburg, in elementary education and home economics education; State Teachers College at Potsdam, in elementary education and music; State Teachers College at Cortland, in elementary education and health, physical and recreation education.

The Regents in September 1947 authorized approval of programs of graduate specialization in elementary education and in special subject fields to be given by the teacher education institutions in extension and summer session study. Acting under this authorization, the State Education Department last fall tentatively approved a number of individual graduate courses for extension students. These courses are included in the complete fifth year programs now approved for these colleges.

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## Regent Eastman Named

Regent Edward R. Eastman was appointed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey as a member of New York State's committee to aid displaced persons coming to America.

## Chancellor Honored

Chancellor William J. Wallin was honored by Fordham University in June by the award of the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Chancellor Wallin received an honorary LL.D. degree from New York University in 1932.

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## Hebrew Course Approved

Modern Hebrew was made an approved state course of study for New York State high schools with the appointment by the Regents of a committee to assist the State Education Department in the preparation of a syllabus in Hebrew.

The committee includes Abraham Aaroni of Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn, and Dr Abraham I. Katsh, professor of education at New York University.

The action was taken at the June meeting of the Board of Regents, on the recommendation of the State Examinations Board and was a recognition of the increasing number of pupils studying the Hebrew language. Reports indicate that 3000 or 4000 pupils are studying Hebrew in New York public schools.

After the syllabus has been prepared, Regents examinations will be offered as in other languages, and pupils studying Hebrew will be eligible for diplomas and scholarship benefits on the same basis as pupils studying other modern languages.

The State Education Department has never offered examinations in modern Hebrew. A number of years ago ancient Greek and ancient Hebrew examinations were offered, but these were discontinued because of the small number of candidates taking these examinations.

## Regents Meet at Plattsburg

The Board of Regents met in Plattsburg July 16th and 17th to afford opportunity to inspect educational facilities in that area. This was the second meeting in recent months to be held at the seat of an educational institution. In May the Regents met at Cornell University and later visited Syracuse University.

The business meeting was held on July 16th at the home of Vice Chancellor John P. Myers. On the following day the Regents and members of the Department were entertained at breakfast at Champlain College and at luncheon at Plattsburg State Teachers College. During the morning they were conducted on a tour of the colleges.

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## Opthalmic Dispensing

New regulations for the practice of ophthalmic dispensing, a profession recognized by the Legislature last year, were adopted by the Regents at their meeting on June 18th. Ophthalmic dispensing is defined in the law as the preparation and sale of eyeglasses on written prescriptions from licensed physicians or optometrists. The new regulations set curriculum requirements and rules for licensing examinations. Included in the regulations were the following: prohibition of misleading advertising or of advertising charges for services or for corrective lenses and of advertising premiums, discounts and other inducements; prohibition of the practice of collusion on fees by splitting, rebate or refund with a physician, an optometrist or others; prohibition of the use of the title of doctor unless the degree is bona fide by license.

# Regents Make Appointments

Appointments made by the Regents at the June meeting of the Board included:

Robert H. McCarthy, Troy, and Judson Zimmer, Gloversville, were reappointed to the State Dormitory Authority each for a three-year term beginning July 1, 1948. The resignation of Dr Charles W. Hunt from this Authority was accepted. Doctor Hunt is president of State Teachers College at Oneonta.

Clifford P. Froelich, Washington, D. C., was appointed to the committee cooperating with the Department in making a study of counseling and guidance programs.

Appointments to assist the Department in reviewing the handbook on mathematics for elementary schools were made as follows: Fred Ambellan, director of elementary education in the schools of Niagara Falls; Dr William H. Bristow, assistant director of the Bureau of Reference, Research and Statistics of the New York City Board of Education; Mrs Ella Esler, principal of Elmwood School, Syracuse; Mrs Mary Gaylord, teacher in Schenectady; Ruth E. Lewis, teacher in Ithaca; Dr Vera Sanford and James A. Smith, both members of the faculty of State Teachers College, Oneonta; Dr Ben A. Sueltz, a member of the faculty of State Teachers College, Cortland; Esther H. Travis, teacher, Hastings on Hudson.

A committee to assist the Department in a review of the English handbook for elementary schools was appointed by the Board of Regents at its July meeting. The committee includes Lester E. Cofran, coordinator of instruction in Jamestown elementary schools; Mrs Helen W. Hartley, Syracuse University; Ruth M. Johnston, district superintendent of schools, Port Leyden; May Lazar, assistant director of instructional research, New York City schools; Hazel Prehm, supervisor of White Plains elementary schools; Dr Wilmer K. Trauger, State Teachers College, Potsdam; Earl P. Watkin, superintendent of schools, Ilion.

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## Guidance Conference

Members of the staff of the Department participated in the 13th annual conference of the New York State Counselors Association, held at Syracuse University, July 22d and 23d. The conference was sponsored jointly by the Education Department, Syracuse University and the Counselors Association.

Speakers from the Education Department included Dr Algo D. Henderson, Associate Commissioner of Education; Dr J. Cayce Morrison, Assistant Commissioner for Research; George E. Hutcherson, Chief, Bureau of Guidance, and Dr E. A. Frier, supervisor, Division of Secondary Education. Stuart S. Wessing, supervisor of guidance in the Department, was chairman of a group meeting considering guidance service.

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## Sound Film

"How a Bill Becomes a Law," a 15-minute sound film, will be used by many young adult councils to build community programs for education in government. The film is available through the cooperation of Traveling Libraries section of New York State Library for public showing without charge. Further information may be had from Youth Council Services, New York State Education Department, Albany 1, N. Y.

# Newsom Directs Higher Education

*Dr Carroll V. Newsom*

Dr Carroll V. Newsom joined the staff of the Department on June 15th as Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education.

Doctor Newsom succeeds Dr John S. Allen in the administration of the State's program for higher education. Doctor Allen resigned as Director of the Division of Higher Education last February to become vice president of the University of Florida.

Doctor Newsom, a native of Chicago, was professor and head of the department of mathematics at Oberlin College from 1944 to June 1948. He was a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan for two years and for 16 years taught at the University of New Mexico, where he was head of the department of mathematics. He also taught at Kansas State Teachers College and the University of Chicago.

Doctor Newsom holds an A.B. degree from the College of Emporia and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan.

He is editor-in-chief of the American Mathematical Monthly and is the author of textbooks and essays on mathematics. Doctor Newsom is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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## Doctor Guthe Honored

Dr Carl E. Guthe, Director of the New York State Museum and of the New York State Science Service, was re-elected president of the State Archeological Association at the annual meeting of that association in Rochester.

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## Heads Librarians

Dr Charles F. Gosnell, State Librarian, was elected president of the National Association of State Librarians at a conference of that association held at Atlantic City in June.

## F. W. Hoeing Appointed

Frederick Walbridge Hoeing of New York City assumed his duties with the Department as Administrator, Education Practices Act, on August 16th. Mr Hoeing will administer the antidiscrimination procedure for colleges and universities, provided by the 1948 Legislature and designed to assure equality of opportunity for college students belonging to minority groups. This new law, effective September 15, 1948, was recommended by the Temporary Commission on the Need for a State University.

A native of Rochester and son of the late Charles Hoeing, dean of the University of Rochester, Mr Hoeing received his bachelor's degree from Amherst College in 1929 and the degree of master of arts from Harvard University in 1930. He was also Woodbury Lowery Traveling Fellow from Harvard in 1935–36, studying in Italy, France and England. He taught at Harvard, College of William and Mary and the University of Rochester.

Mr Hoeing is a member of the American Historical Association and the American Association of University Professors.

His service in World War II included 49 months with the American Field Service in the European theater. He was a prisoner of war in Occupied France, following the sinking of the "S S Zam Zam" by the German raider "Atlantis" in March 1941. He was discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel and at the close of the war was made honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

Mr Hoeing comes to the Education Department from the New York State Commission against Discrimination, where he served as field representative for the past two years. He will have his office at 91 State street, Albany.

## Degrees Conferred

Colgate University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of letters on Commissioner Francis T. Spaulding.

Antioch College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Associate Commissioner Algo D. Henderson.

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## Sutliff Is Acting Chief

Associate Commissioner Harry V. Gilson announced on August 2d the appointment of Ralph C. S. Sutliff as Acting Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Education, pending the issuance by the Civil Service Department of a list of candidates from the promotion examination that has been requested. Mr Sutliff has served as supervisor of agricultural education for the past 11 years and prior to 1937 he was teacher of agriculture in the high schools of Madison county.

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## Commissioner To Return in October

Commissioner of Education Francis T. Spaulding, who suffered a heart attack July 6th, has made an excellent recovery and is expected back at his desk in October. Deputy Commissioner Lewis A. Wilson has been serving as Acting Commissioner during Doctor Spaulding's absence. The Commissioner returned to his home from the hospital early in August and is spending September at his summer camp in New Hampshire.

# School Building Plans Approved

Building plans approved by the Division of School Buildings and Grounds of the Department during the summer include the following:

Mamaroneck, maintenance and repair work to several buildings, $25,000

Scarsdale, roof repairs, $7000; painting, heating, electrical improvements, acoustic treatment, grounds improvements in several schools, $32,000

Lindenhurst, painting in high school, $10,000

Niagara, alterations and additions to classrooms for elementary school, $46,693.78

Centerport, alterations and additions to elementary school, $215,000

Lansingburg, surfacing driveway at Knickerbacker Junior High School, $1574.40; heating, electrical and general construction work for alterations and additions, $32,520

Pittsford, addition to bus garage, $150,000

Clinton, alterations to Marvin Street School, $16,000

Broadalbin, school bus garage, $30,000

Greenfield Center, addition to school, $15,000

Phoenix, new garage to be used temporarily for school purposes, $45,000

Troupsburg, bus garage, $38,000

Bolton Landing, additions and alterations to central school, $14,000

Harrison, replacement of two heating boilers, $16,000

Wheatfield, new elementary school, $77,600

Orangeburg, addition to elementary school, $70,000

Williamstown, alterations, $40,000

Pavilion, additions and alterations to school and bus garage, $50,000

North Tonawanda, additions and alterations to Colonel Payne Elementary School, $400,000

Newcomb, elementary and high school, $581,800

Brighton, additions and alterations, $175,000

Kenmore, relighting Kenmore Junior High School, $30,000 and $24,121

Babylon, fluorescent lighting, steel fencing, additions, $11,241.50

Rush-Henrietta, repairs to school following fire, $18,830.43

Westerlo, new elementary school, $146,000

Middletown, alterations to heating and ventilating system, Mulberry Street School, $13,000

Canisteo, addition to school, $190,000

Rotterdam (District 13, Carman), addition and remodeling, $140,000

Brockport, furnace replacements, $13,300

Elmira Heights, construction of tennis courts and other exterior improvements, $23,000

Huntington, District 16, alterations and additions to Hills School, $138,000

Oriskany Falls, heating system installed, $12,000

Pleasantville, new shop area at high school, $13,500

Newfane, new central school, $745,000

Sherwood, addition to school, $78,000

Berne-Knox, additions and alterations to school, $132,000

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## Joins Guidance Bureau

Elizabeth J. Ewell, guidance director at Hamburg High School since 1940, joined the staff of the Bureau of Guidance in the Division of Vocational Education on July 1st. Miss Ewell is a graduate of State College for Teachers at Buffalo and has her master's degree from Columbia University. She taught at Alden High School for 12 years.

## New Staff Member

Georgiana Marks, for six years a member of the home economics staff at the State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Canton, has been appointed senior education supervisor in the Bureau of Home Economics Education. A graduate of Cornell University, Miss Marks holds her master's degree from that university.

# New College Presidents Are Appointed

### Columbia University

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who became president of Columbia University on June 7th, will be formally installed as thirteenth president of the university on Tuesday, October 12th.

### Russell Sage College

Dr Lewis A. Froman from the University of Buffalo is the new president of Russell Sage College. He succeeds Helen McKinstry, who resigned because of ill health.

Doctor Froman has been dean of Millard Fillmore College at Buffalo since 1935. His teaching connection at that university began in 1931, when he became an instructor in economics. He was appointed professor of finance in 1939. Since 1938 he has been director of the University of Buffalo's work-study plan for superior students, and for the past four years has directed the university's educational services for veterans.

A native of Missouri, Doctor Froman received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri. He received the doctorate in philosophy at Cornell University in 1931. Doctor Froman is the author of a textbook in economics.

### Alfred University

Dr M. Ellis Drake, dean of Alfred University's College of Liberal Arts, took office as president of that university on September 1st. He succeeds Dr J. Edward Walters, who resigned in March to join the faculty of Dartmouth College.

Doctor Drake has been associated with Alfred University for several years, as history and political science instructor, dean of men for 12 years and director of the university's summer school for five years. He was appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts in 1946.

A graduate of Alfred University, Doctor Drake received his master's degree from Syracuse University and his doctorate from American University, Washington, D. C.

### Associated Colleges

Frederick A. Morse, recently executive assistant for higher education with the State Education Department, was appointed president of the Associated Colleges of Upper New York to succeed Dr Asa S. Knowles. Doctor Knowles resigned to become vice president for university development at Cornell University.

Mr Morse, formerly head of the history department at Keuka College, will be responsible for Champlain and Sampson colleges and the Middletown Collegiate Center during the third year of operation of these emergency colleges organized to provide additional facilities for veterans and others immediately following the close of World War II.

Mr Morse is a graduate of Alfred University and received a master's degree from Cornell University. Before going to Keuka College he taught at Cascadilla School in Ithaca for six years. During World War II he served as a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy.

## President Klapper Resigns

Dr Paul Klapper resigned as president of Queens College on August 31st. The Board of Higher Education of the City of New York appointed him president emeritus, the first such appointment in the history of the city colleges.

Doctor Klapper was president of Queens College from the time of its founding in 1937. He was graduated from City College in 1904 and joined its faculty in 1907. He received his doctorate in philosophy from New York University in 1909 and the degree of doctor of humane letters from Yeshiva College in 1938. Queens College conferred upon him the honorary degree at its June commencement exercises. This was the first honorary degree ever awarded by the college.

Doctor Klapper was on leave from his duties at Queens College during the college year 1947–48 and participated in a study of postwar changes in higher education sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation, and served also as a member of the Temporary Commission on the Need for a State University.

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## Inter-American Bulletin

The Committee on Inter-American Cooperation of the New York City Board of Education issues a monthly mimeographed bulletin to the schools of the city and to a special mailing list beyond the city limits. Book reviews, project outlines, references to source material and other material bearing on inter-American understanding are included. Schools interested may write Dr Henry E. Hein, chairman, James Monroe High School, 1318 Boynton avenue, New York 59, N. Y.

## New Hotel College

Construction of Statler Hall, the first building in the country designed specifically for instruction in the hotel field, began in August at Cornell University. The four-story stone-and-brick structure, to be erected and equipped at a cost of $2,550,000, is expected to be completed in 1950.

The building, which will house the Cornell Department of Hotel Administration, is the gift of the Statler Foundation established by the late Ellsworth M. Statler, founder and operator of the Statler hotel chain. An original supporter of the Cornell Department of Hotel Administration, Mr Statler established the foundation in his will. He died in 1928.

The new hall will contain a complete "practice hotel" with 36 guest rooms, lounges and dining facilities which will also be available for use as a faculty club, and offices, student and faculty lounges, a library, lecture and demonstration rooms, laboratories equipped for instruction and research in food preparation, hotel engineering and accounting, and an auditorium.

The Department of Hotel Administration was established at Cornell in 1922 with the support of the American Hotel Association and was the first such department in an American college.

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## Colonel Haskins Appointed

Colonel Percy R. Haskins has been appointed superintendent of Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh. He will have charge also of the Knox Headquarters and of Temple Hill Monument, both also in Orange county.

Colonel Haskins was formerly field director of the State War Council.

# Summer College Enrolments Drop

Enrolment of students in the summer sessions of the higher educational institutions of the State showed a drop of slightly more than 10 per cent from the registration of the 1947 summer sessions, according to figures compiled by the Division of Higher Education. The past summer's enrolments totaled 103,278 as compared with 116,822 last year, reflecting the drop of veteran registration from 55,641 in 1947 to 44,800 enrolled at the 1948 summer session.

The decrease in enrolment was found to be general in all the various fields of study, with education courses as the one notable exception. This summer's registration in that field was 21,936 as compared to 20,221 in 1947. "The increased interest in teaching as a profession is attributed, by some educators, to the pronounced trend toward higher salaries that are being paid to members of the profession," said Assistant Commissioner C. V. Newsom in commenting on the analysis of summer enrolments.

"It is not believed that the coming academic year will show as pronounced a decline in registration as was observed in the summer session; in fact, there are some indications that the enrolment figures this fall will be slightly higher than last year," said Doctor Newsom. "Although the veterans' registration will be down, there seem to be more than enough qualified applicants to take their places. This seems to be in line with similar findings made by the American Council on Education for a national basis."

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## Freedom Train

Work on the railroad coaches to be used for exhibit of historic documents on the State Freedom Train has begun and the train will start on its journey through the State when preparations are complete.

The route and schedule for the train will be arranged to permit the maximum number of school children and adults to see the exhibits. A description of the documents on the train, selected to show the role played by New York State in the evolutions of American Freedoms, was given in the June 1948 issue of the BULLETIN TO THE SCHOOLS.

The 1948 Legislature appropriated $50,000 for expenses of the State Freedom Train. The New York Central Railroad is furnishing the equipment and operating services for the tour.

## School for Clerks

The Fourth Institute for School Board Clerks, held at Syracuse University August 2d to 4th, had an attendance of approximately 100 from widely scattered areas of the State. The institute, conducted by the School of Education of Syracuse University in cooperation with the Bureau of Field Services of the State Education Department, was set up to provide practical help to the school clerks of the State and to give opportunity for general discussion on matters of mutual interest. Several members of the Bureau of Field Services and other offices of the Department, as well as representatives of other state departments and supervisory officers from public school systems of the State assisted with the institute program.

# Teacher Education

## New Department at Oneonta

To meet the demand for additional home economics teachers in the State, a new department of home economics education opened in September at State Teachers College, Oneonta. Martha Pratt, formerly in charge of teacher training at the State College for Teachers at Buffalo, has been appointed head of the new department at Oneonta.

Oneonta is the third state teachers college to offer teacher training in home economics. The teachers colleges at Buffalo and Plattsburg have training programs in this field.

The new department is housed in a wing of the main college building, pending erection of a new home economics building as part of the plan for expanding college facilities at Oneonta.

Establishment of this new department at this time provides the necessary increase in facilities for training of home economics teachers and broadens the educational opportunities in the south-central part of the State.

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## Act To Meet Teacher Shortage

More than 150 persons were enrolled in intensive training courses in the state teachers colleges this summer as the Regents initiated a plan for relieving the critical shortage of elementary school teachers by offering one-year teaching certificates, renewable under certain conditions, to college graduates with no training for elementary teaching.

After six hours of professional training this summer, these candidates are certified to teach beginning this fall. Similar study during succeeding summers, plus successful teaching, will result in renewal of the certificate from year to year for five years. When the teachers have completed 30 hours of graduate professional training, they will receive permanent certificates.

Since the program represents a new departure in state certification policy, a thorough evaluation is being made of these candidates, of the nature of their training and of their success as teachers. Such evaluation will help to determine the effectiveness of teachers trained under the emergency program and will provide a basis for renewal of the conditional teaching certificates and for the granting of permanent certificates.

Dr Dwight E. Beecher of the Division of Research is carrying on the appraisal studies, assisted by represenatives of the state teachers colleges.

# Supervisory Districts Are Changed

Following the retirement of Albert W. Armitage, former superintendent of District 1, Cortland county, on September 1st, the county is being redistricted by order of the Commissioner. The number of supervisory districts has been reduced from three to two. The first district, under Superintendent Chester Lacy of Marathon, comprises the towns of Cortlandville, Freetown, Harford, Lapeer, Marathon, Virgil and Willett. The second district, under Superintendent Ruth C. Rathbun of Cincinnatus, comprises the towns of Cincinnatus, Cuyler, Homer, Preble, Scott, Solon, Taylor and Truxton.

Daniel M. Blue, former superintendent of District 6, Oneida county, retired September 1st. By order of the Commissioner the county is being redistricted and the number of supervisory districts reduced to five by including within the fourth supervisory district the towns heretofore comprising the sixth district. Included therefore under the supervision of Superintendent Francis M. Carr of Rome are the towns of Ava, Boonville, Floyd, Forestport, Remsen, Steuben, Trenton and Western.

On the retirement September 1st of John F. Bullock, former superintendent of District 1, Yates county, the county is being redistricted by order of the Commissioner, and the number of supervisory districts reduced to one. Stephen L. Underwood of Branchport is superintendent of the sole district in Yates county, comprising the towns of Barrington, Benton, Italy, Jerusalem, Middlesex, Milo, Potter, Starkey and Torrey.

Chenango county was redistricted, effective April 19th, and the number of supervisory districts in the county was reduced to three by order of the Commissioner of Education.

The first district, under Superintendent Glenn L. Wallace of Norwich, comprises the towns of German, Lincklaen, McDonough, Otselic, Oxford, Pharsalia, Pitcher, Plymouth and Preston.

The second district, under Superintendent Ernest G. Youmans of Sherburne, comprises the towns of Columbus, New Berlin, North Norwich, Norwich, Sherburne and Smyrna.

The third district, under Superintendent Fred P. Foster of Afton, comprises the towns of Afton, Bainbridge, Coventry, Greene, Guilford and Smithville.

John S. Childs, superintendent of the old third district in Chenango county, died on March 21st.

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## Attend Conference

Assistant Commissioner Edwin R. Van Kleeck and Francis E. Griffin, Chief of the Bureau of Rural Administrative Service will participate in the program of the third National Conference of County and Rural District Superintendents in Milwaukee, September 30th–October 2d. Several district superintendents from New York State will also attend as advisors.

# Department Counsel Interprets Law

A recent interpretation of section 6614, subdivision 4 of the Education Law, given by Dr Charles A. Brind jr, Counsel of the Education Department, permits dental hygiene teachers to apply sodium fluoride to the teeth of school children.

The Division of Health and Physical Education of the State Education Department, which has general supervision of the dental health education program in the schools of the State, advises, since a special approved technic is involved in the topical application of sodium fluoride to teeth, that dental hygiene teachers should become proficient in this technic before making such applications.

In a memorandum explaining the new legal interpretation, Doctor Brind said:

I now understand that it is the consensus of opinion concurred in not only by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and his staff but by other experts who are familiar with the problem that this application (of sodium fluoride) may properly be considered as a part of the prophylaxis and not as an additional act on the part of the dental hygienist over and beyond her duties in respect to teeth cleaning. Section 6614, subdivision 4 of the Education Law reads in part as follows:

"Such dental hygienists may remove lime deposits, secretions and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth, but shall not perform any other operation on the teeth or tissues of the mouth."

It is quite evident from the aforesaid section that a dental hygienist is empowered to carry on cleaning of the teeth and may do whatever is necessary to carry out such duty. As long as we are now advised that the application of sodium fluoride is in this latter category, it is now the considered opinion of this office that a dental hygienist may properly apply this solution as part of her duties. She would not be guilty of violating the provisions of the Education Law in so doing.

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## Approved Audiometers Listed

For the protection of the schools' investment the Bureau of Health Service of the State Education Department advises that when the purchase of equipment for hearing tests is contemplated, it would be wise to consider only those audiometers that have been approved by the Council on Physical Medicine of the American Medical Association. These audiometers, as of September 1, 1948, are:

The Audio Development Audiometer, Model 50 (clinical model)
Manufacturer: Audio Development Company, 2833 13th avenue S., Minneapolis, Minn.

The Maico, Model D5 (clinical model)
The Maico, Model D8 (portable pure tone school model)
The Maico group audiometer, Model RS (phonographic type)
Manufacturer: The Maico Company, Inc., North Third street, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Sonotone Audiometer, Model 20 (clinical model)
Manufacturer: Sonotone Corp., Elmsford, N. Y.

The Western Electric Audiometer, Model 4C (group phonographic type)
and Model 4CA (newer model)
Western Electric Audiometer, Model 6BP (portable pure tone school model)
Manufacturer: Western Electric Company, Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

# Museum Provides Guided Tours

Special guided tour service for classes desiring it is available during the school week in the New York State Museum located on the fifth floor of the State Education Building. The exhibition halls are open daily (except Sundays and holidays) from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Arrangements for tours should be made well in advance — at least two or preferably three weeks — with the Museum education supervisor.

Such tours, which usually last about an hour, include discussions of the exhibits in one or two of the main halls. The Museum education supervisor will prepare tours on special topics and confer personally with teachers regarding such plans. Groups derive more benefit from their Museum visit if they have a definite objective in mind and do not attempt to see the entire Museum on one trip.

The State Museum contains valuable exhibits of New York State materials in the fields of Indian cultures, history, rock and mineral resources, prehistoric plant and animal life and present-day animal life. These exhibits are of particular interest to classes studying Indians, New York State, social studies, biology and earth science. A free folder listing the principal Museum exhibits will be available soon. Free leaflets describing several of the main displays are already available on request to the Museum.

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# Museum Shows New Exhibits

Two popular-style exhibits have recently been installed in the State Museum Hall of Invertebrate Fossils. One displays some of the more common fossils of the capital district, illustrating prehistoric plant and animal life that flourished abundantly in the shallows of the seas that covered this area millions of years ago. Included in the exhibit is a reference chart of geologic formations and a geologic time scale, together with a display of Museum bulletins describing the rock strata and fossils of the region, and a map showing the area covered in each bulletin.

The second exhibit tells the story with diagrams, actual specimens and explanatory labels, of three great groups of fossils — snails, clams and brachiopods or lamp shells. This exhibit enables the visitor to gain a better understanding of the classified exhibits which are displayed throughout the hall.

Both displays were designed for the amateur in paleontology. They should prove helpful to teachers and students of earth science and biology, and afford a valuable comparison between living and extinct forms of life.

# Science Service Finds Iron Ore

An area of very strong and uniform magnetic attraction indicating the presence of an iron ore deposit of possible commercial interest has been outlined in Duane township, Franklin county by scientists of the New York State Science Service.

Field parties of the State Science Service under the immediate direction of Benjamin M. Shaub have been carrying on magnetic investigations in Franklin and Essex counties for the past three years following a preliminary survey made from the air by the United States Geological Survey. The federal agency made use of airplane-towed geophysical instruments for its study. John G. Broughton, Acting State Geologist, reports that this new location contains a greater area of high magnetic readings than any other examined to date by the state field parties.

Earlier work of the New York State Science Service field parties was called to the attention of the iron mining industry late this spring. As a result of the earlier report, the Republic Steel Corporation recently obtained an option on 21,000 acres of land owned by the St Regis Paper Company and is currently engaged in diamond drilling the area in which high magnetic attractions were noted previously. The company hopes to discover iron ore deposits of sufficient value to warrant large-scale mining operations. This would supplement the output of its other Adirondack mines which now produce 1,400,000 tons of iron ore annually.

Since the start of World War II, the iron mining industry has spent $40,000,000 developing Adirondack iron ores. It seems apparent that iron mining has come of age in New York State.

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## Guest Stars for Schools

"Guest Star" Savings Bonds programs sponsored by the United States Treasury and recorded for broadcast by local radio stations may be obtained by schools for use over their public address systems. The Treasury has released recordings now in the hands of the radio stations for disposal at their discretion. Schools that would like to obtain these recordings may apply to the management of the local radio stations which have been supplied with the Savings Bonds recordings.

The recordings are for use on a turn table, about 16 inches in diameter, running at 33⅓ R.P.M.

## Golden Jubilee Observed

School Twelve at Yonkers celebrated its 50th birthday with a Golden Jubilee on May 26, 1948. About 500 people were guests of the principal, Agnita C. Wallace, and her faculty. Among the guests were Superintendent of Schools Benjamin C. Willis; Assistant Superintendent Jean B. Meikle; Supervisor of Instruction in the Elementary Schools Elizabeth M. Elliot; and Abraham S. Elkind, president of the Board of Education as well as principals, teachers, former faculty members and graduates.

The building was open for inspection, after which the sixth grade children entertained with an assembly program.

# Procedure on Employment Certificates

The State Labor Laws relating to employment certificates, farm and vacation work permits for minors 14 to 16 years of age were amended in 1947, and copies of these amendments were sent to all superintendents and high school principals by the Bureau of Guidance of the State Education Department.

Before an employment certificate is issued, each applicant must be examined by the local school physician in accordance with procedures established by the Bureau of Guidance. The findings of the medical examination should be carefully recorded in detail on the official physical fitness certification form and signed by the school physician.

This certificate of physical fitness should then be sent by the school physician to the certificating officer as an important factor for consideration before issuance of any employment certificate. For this reason, it is essential that the local school physician representing the board of education record the requested data and that the school administrator insure that the certificate of physical fitness in each case is properly executed before proceeding with issuance of an employment certificate.

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## Future Homemakers Meet

New York State was prominently represented at the first national convention of the Future Homemakers of America held at Kansas City, Mo., July 6th–9th.

The State Association of F. H. A. was represented by Loretta Sterns of Friendship, Beverly Hayden of Fredonia, and one adviser, Georgiana Marks of Canton. Miss Marks joined the staff of the Bureau of Home Economics Education in the State Education Department in August, to serve as State F. H. A. adviser.

Miss Sterns is president, and Miss Hayden is first vice president of the New York State Association of Future Homemakers of America.

## School for Cooks

School lunch cooks and managers from 175 schools of the State attended training schools during July at Syracuse and at Farmingdale. As a part of the Department's school lunch program, the classes were taught by members of the state school lunch supervisory staff, under Margaret E. Prentice, chairman. Instruction in quantity cookery, methods of food preparation, nutrition and technics of management were featured.

Registrants at the school held July 6th–9th at the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, Farmingdale, numbered 60; registrants at the school held July 12th–16th at the College of Home Economics, Syracuse University, numbered 115.

# Future Farmers Attend Camp

More than 600 Future Farmers, Future Homemakers, advisers and guests attended Camp Oswegatchie during its second season. There they participated in the program of training for leadership, inspirational activities and recreation that was conducted during the nine-week season. The camp opened on July 4th with a group of 65 Future Homemakers and advisers in attendance. On September 5th the last group consisting of more than 100 county group Future Farmer officers and advisers broke camp to end the 1948 season. This final group was assembled for an intensive leadership training program under the direction of Dr James W. Hatch, supervisor in the Bureau of Agricultural Education.

The camp, which was purchased in the summer of 1946, consists of nearly 1000 acres of woods and water. Funds for the purchase were raised by the Future Farmer chapters throughout the State. At present the Future Farmers of New York have more than $40,000 invested in the land, buildings and equipment that comprise the camp facilities. The camp is administered by a board of trustees incorporated under the Regents of The University of the State of New York. The board members are selected from the teachers of agriculture and supervisory and teacher education staff.

During the current season an employed staff of six persons was assisted by teachers of agriculture in carrying out the program of activities. The program was devised to provide a maximum of opportunity for leadership training through experiences that have been tested and proved to develop individual and group leadership abilities.

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# Schools Compete in Livestock Judging

Student representatives from the departments of vocational agriculture in 50 high schools of the State participated in the 21st annual Livestock Judging Tour held on July 23d. The tour is sponsored by the State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Delhi.

The winning team in the dairy judging competition was Franklin Academy of Malone. Second place in this competition went to Cincinnatus Central School and third place to Falconer Central School.

The highest scoring contestant in the dairy contest was Everett Tennant of Cincinnatus; second individual was Ralph Dedrick of Dryden Central and third individual was Oscar King of Franklin Academy.

The high scoring contestants in the poultry judging competition were Robert Martin of South Kortright Central School for first place, Richard Watras of Marathon Central School for second place and James Zapt of Clinton Central School for third place. Twenty-six schools competed in the poultry judging contest. L. M. Hurd, professor of animal husbandry at the State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, was official judge.

# Will Direct Library Extension

*Dr Neil C. Van Deusen*

Dr Neil C. Van Deusen became acting Director of the Division of Library Extension on July 16th. Doctor Van Deusen received his bachelor and master of arts degrees and doctorate of philosophy from Columbia University. He likewise received his library training at the School of Library Service, Columbia University.

He was instructor of philosophy and lecturer at Columbia University from 1930 to 1937. During the years 1938–41 he was librarian at Fisk University, leaving Nashville to assume leadership of the Department of Librarianship at New York State Teachers College at Geneseo.

Doctor Van Deusen is well known to librarians throughout the State. As director at Geneseo, he has had close contacts with the school libraries and librarians of the State. In the summer of 1945 he joined the research staff of the State Education Department and worked on the state-wide library survey, and is well versed in the current problems of public libraries.

Doctor Van Deusen has taken an active part in both the American Library Association and the New York Library Association and is at present vice president of the latter and president-elect for 1949. He has contributed many articles to professional publications, and is author of the book, Telesio the First of the Moderns.

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## County Library Established

A Schenectady County Public Library was created on August 10th by the board of supervisors of that county.

After bringing the county library program into existence and naming an 11-member governing board, the supervisors gave unanimous approval to a resolution requesting the State to provide state aid to libraries on a basis comparable to state aid to education.

The new library board petitioned the State Board of Regents for a charter under which a county library program can be operated. It is expected that adoption of the county plan will mean transfer of the existing library facilities in the county to the jurisdiction of the new library.

*Photograph by Ed. Buckley*

*Members of the Pirate Reading Club, a summer project of the Freeport Public Library*

## Reading Course

A course, "Teen-Agers: Their Reading Interests and Needs," will be given at the Freeport Memorial Library by Amelia H. Munson, Librarian, Teachers' Library, New York Public Library.

The 12 two-hour periods, held weekly, will begin on Tuesday, September 14th. This course is made possible by the adult education program of the Freeport Board of Education. It is hoped it will appeal not only to school and public librarians and to English teachers, but to parents.

Miss Munson has given this type of course at Columbia University School of Library Service and also at the University of California, Los Angeles.

## Regional Library

The Regional Library Experiment in Jefferson, Lewis and St Lawrence counties is being organized under the leadership of Raymond E. Williams. Quarters have been set up at 446 Cross street, Watertown.

Mr Williams has announced several appointments to his staff. Julia Ruth Armstrong, formerly supervisor of branches in the Rochester Public Library, has joined the staff as senior librarian. Marjorie M. Smith, assistant in the New York State Department of Commerce Library, and Lena Engelstein, junior librarian in the State Library, are both working in the regional library.

# New Rochelle Has Library Trailer

New Rochelle Public Library's traveling branch opened for business on June 11th at North avenue and Avenue E, the commuters' stop. It had been open for public inspection the day before at the main building.

The book trailer covers the city on a five-day weekly schedule and makes a special stop for commuters daily. The library advertises this service for those who are too busy to go to the library or too tired when they get home from work.

Library members may borrow books on their regular cards; others may join immediately upon presenting some identification.

This service has been instituted by Josephine H. Edwards, librarian.

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# Announce Annual Book Awards

The Newbery and Caldecott awards for outstanding children's books of 1947 were presented at a special dinner meeting of the American Library Association at its conference on June 15th in Atlantic City.

The Newbery award was presented to William Pene du Bois for his book, Twenty-One Balloons. The Caldecott award was given to Roger Duvoisin for his illustrations for White Snow, Bright Snow by Alvin Tresselt. Both winners are of French origin. Mr Duvoisin was unable to accept the award in person as he was in France. His acceptance speech was delivered by trans-Atlantic telephone.

The Olean Public Library won one of the John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards for submitting a scrapbook indicative of outstanding publicity during 1947.

## Current Biography

Life stories of 361 persons who figured in the news of 1947 appear in Current Biography 1947, a 760-page reference volume published by the H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University avenue, New York City.

Sketches are included of new heads of state and political leaders abroad and in this country, world figures, and important personalities in the fields of science, art, literature, music, labor and industry, the social sciences, education and others of the 33 classifications by profession.

Like its predecessors of the past seven years, it is a one-alphabet cumulation of the biographical articles and obituary notices that appeared in the monthly issues during the year, revised and brought up to date as of December 1947. Each sketch includes a photograph and references to additional material.

An eight-year index, covering 1940 to 1947, includes the names of all those whose biographies or obituaries have appeared in Current Biography from the first issues in 1940 through the issue of December 1947.

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## Periodical List

The American Library Association has published Periodicals for Small and Medium-Sized Libraries, a completely new book prepared by a subcommittee of the A. L. A. Editorial Committee, Elizabeth R. Topping, chairman. The main list includes 363 periodicals, carefully annotated. Periodicals are relisted by subject. There are also special lists, such as: Periodicals for First Choice, Periodicals for Children, Periodicals for Young People.

## Children's Book Week

Children's Book Week for 1948 will be celebrated November 14th to 20th. The slogan, "Books Tell a Story," has been chosen and a full color poster has been designed by Marguerite di Angeli. Write for information and materials to Book Week Headquarters, 62 West 45th street, New York 19, N. Y.

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## Library Conference Planned

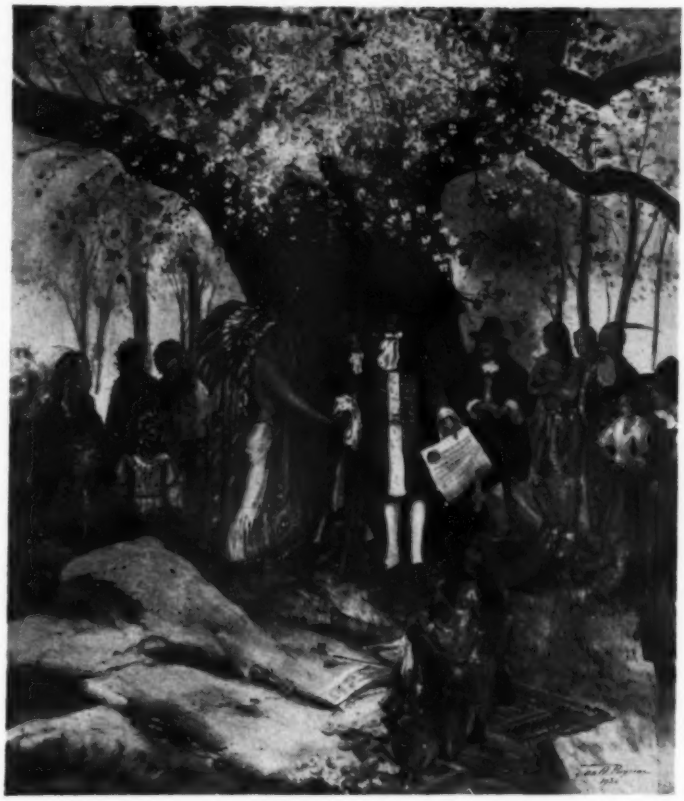
Dr Algo D. Henderson, Associate Commissioner of Education, will be the principal speaker at the opening session of the New York Library Association's annual conference at Saranac Inn, September 30th to October 4th. Neil C. Van Deusen, Acting Director of the Division of Library Extension and vice president of the association, arranged the program.

Among the many speakers listed are: Dr Charles F. Gosnell, State Librarian; Virginia Kirkus, director of Bookshop Service; Margaret Scoggin, librarian, Nathan Straus Branch, New York City; Bertha Mahony Miller, well known as editor of the Horn Book; and Richard Chase, author of Jack Tales.

Problems relating to libraries and civil service will be discussed by members of the State Department of Civil Service and outstanding librarians of the State will present noteworthy accomplishments and future plans.

Special programs have been arranged by the Trustees Section, School Librarians Section and other groups. Many library schools will hold dinner meetings and the association as a whole will honor H. W. Wilson at a special dinner in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the H. W. Wilson Company.

# Hicksville Celebrates Tercentennial



*Photograph by Albert J. Wiley*

*The mural pictured above illustrates the purchase by Robert Williams of the land which is today Hicksville, Long Island, and its vicinity. The purchase was made from the Indians on May 20, 1648.*

*This large mural decorates a wall of the auditorium in Hicksville High School.*

Pupils of the public schools and the public library at Hicksville participated in the tercentennial celebration held in that village May 15th to 22d.

As a special project, pupils of the junior high school located about 100 local landmarks and marked each with a hand-drawn sign stating briefly the history of the site. They also prepared a mimeographed booklet which served as a detailed guide to the landmarks.

During the entire week the public library exhibited old documents and maps relating to Hicksville's history.

# Educational Notes

## New York Teachers Sail for Britain

Teachers from New York State schools, selected to participate in the 1948–49 program of the Committee on Interchange of Teachers Between Great Britain and the United States, included 18 representatives from 15 communities of the State.

The list, as announced by the United States Office of Education, includes:

Frank Baggallay, Niagara Falls; Josephine Bordonaro, Syracuse; Mrs Mildred Campbell, Johnson City; Eunice G. Chappel, Buffalo; Agnes Chiappinelli, Chappaqua; Margaret J. Coller, Bronxville; Frederica Hollister, Endicott; Mrs Marjorie L'Hommedieu, Glen Cove; Walter Ludwig, Mamaroneck; L. Pauline Merritt, Peekskill; Mayme A. Ricker, Olean; Helen M. Robertson, Chappaqua; Mrs Mary M. Russell, Jamestown; Mary G. Smith, Valley Stream; Mrs Ruby L. Smith, Schenectady; Florence H. Tracy, Yonkers; Rose H. Wilcox, Jamestown.

The exchange list also includes Dr Harry S. Ganders, dean of the School of Education and acting dean of the Graduate School at Syracuse University, who will lecture on objectives and organization of American education during the fall term at the Institute of Education, University of London, and at Birmingham, Leeds, Oxford and Edinburgh. Doctor Ganders' opposite in the exchange will be Neville V. Scarfe, senior lecturer on the teaching of social studies at the Institute of Education, University of London. Mr Scarfe will lecture at the School of Education, Syracuse University, during the fall term.

Approximately 100 teachers from 27 states will participate in the exchange program this year.

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### History Seminars

Seminars held at Cooperstown during the week of July 11th–17th under the sponsorship of the New York State Historical Association registered an attendance of 178, with 60 teachers in the workshop on Teaching of State and Local History.

The association plans a volume of proceedings containing the formal talks and some of the discussion provoked by the workshop. Inquiries should be sent to Mary E. Cunningham, New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown.

### Grigsby Succeeds Studebaker

Dr John W. Studebaker, who has been United States Commissioner of Education since 1934, resigned from that position on July 15th. Rall I. Grigsby, member of the Office of Education staff since 1939, has been designated as Acting Commissioner of Education. Mr Grigsby has been Acting Associate Commissioner since 1946.

Doctor Studebaker has accepted a post as vice president and chairman of the editorial board of Scholastic Magazines, serving as adviser to their periodicals.

# New Hall at Batavia School

*Photograph by Louis H. Dreyer*

*Architect's Drawing of the New Severne Hall at the New York State School for the Blind at Batavia*

Construction will soon be started on a new administration and school building at the New York State School for the Blind at Batavia, following award of the contract by the State Department of Public Works. The total cost of the building will be $1,810,411. When completed, the building will be turned over to the State Education Department for maintenance and operation.

This is the first major building project to be advanced by New York State since the war. The new building will be known as Severne Hall, named for Frank W. Severne, chairman of the Board of Visitors of the Batavia school and blind publisher of a newspaper at Watkins Glen.

Included in the plan is an auditorium with an organ and seats for 406 persons. A large music room and 16 small practice studios will be located near the auditorium. Included also will be a library and study, with two large stack rooms to house a large Braille library. A talking and recording room will be near-by. Classrooms for specialized work such as typing, commercial subjects, science, laboratory and general recitation are also to be provided. Several large workshops including industrial, woodworking, handicraft, carpenter and repair are a part of the plan for the new building. A student activity room with kitchen facilities and a general lounge room are also to be provided.

The new building, representative of modern architecture, with exterior walls of red face brick with limestone trim, will be constructed in front of the present building in such a way as to permit continued use of the old building until the new one is ready for use. Tunnels will lead to the girls' and boys' dormitories from each end of the main building.

Severne Hall will replace an outmoded building which for years has been unfit for the high type of service rendered by the Batavia school.

# Announce Education Week Program

The 28th annual observance of American Education Week has been set for November 7th–13th.

The theme of the week's observance this year is the role of education in Strengthening the Foundations of Freedom. The daily topics follow:

Sunday, November 7th, Learning To Live Together

Monday, Improving the Educational Program

Tuesday, Securing Qualified Teachers

Wednesday, Providing Adequate Finance

Thursday, Safeguarding Our America

Friday, Promoting Health and Safety

Saturday, Developing Worthy Family Life

Material for the observance of the week is available from the National Education Association, 1201 16th street N. W., Washington 6, D. C. An order folder listing a variety of publicity material will be sent upon request.

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# Can You Use This Material?

## Wildlife

The National Wildlife Federation has published a pamphlet, "Botany and Our Social Economy" by Dr Alexander C. Martin, biologist at the Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Md., who is working with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The volume discusses the importance of plants in today's world, their marked depletion, natural and human barriers to their restoration, and the responsibilities of educators in assuring a supply of natural resources for tomorrow's generation. The publication is aimed at teachers of biology, general science, elementary science, geography and other social science teachers.

Distribution of the booklet is under the general direction of the Wildlife Federation's Committee on Conservation Education and is on a strictly nonprofit basis. Copies may be secured at 10 cents each from the office of the National Wildlife Federation, Washington 10, D. C.

## Citizenship

The American Heritage Foundation, sponsors of the Freedom Train, has prepared a long-range educational program "for raising the level of active citizenship through classroom use of specially prepared study guides, booklets, filmstrips and document facsimiles." The material was prepared with the cooperation of individual educational leaders, the United States Office of Education, the National Education Association, the National Council for the Social Studies and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Foundation officials have laid special stress on reaching the youth of the country through classroom instruction in the meaning of the Freedom Train documents and the duties of the good citizen in preserving and promoting our liberties.

These low-cost publications may be ordered through the foundation, 17 East 45th street, New York, N. Y.

### Geography

The National Geographic Society will resume publication of the Geographic School Bulletins with the October 4th issue.

Upon payment of 25 cents to the society's headquarters in Washington, any accredited teacher, librarian or advanced student in the United States or its possessions may subscribe. Teachers may also obtain subscriptions for their pupils if copies are mailed in bulk to one address.

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### Theodore Roosevelt

Material for use in observing the 90th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, on October 27th, may be obtained from the Women's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association, Theodore Roosevelt House, 28 East 20th street, New York 3, N. Y.

### Turkey

A study packet of reference materials has been assembled by the Turkish Information Office for free distribution to groups undertaking a study of Turkey. Director Ahmet Sukru Esmer of the Information Office, an agency of the Turkish Government, states that factual information is being thus furnished for serious use " in the firm belief that better understanding and friendship grow out of knowledge."

The study packet contains a 32-page illustrated pamphlet on Modern Turkey; a 12-page reprint, in color, of an article, " Turkey, Key to the Near East," from the International Review of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, and a pictorial map showing the products of the country.

Packets may be secured by addressing Doctor Esmer at the Turkish Information Office, 444 East 52d street, New York 22, N. Y.

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# Children May Share Christmas

The world Christmas Festival, sponsored by Church World Service, Inc., has announced its program for 1948, the fourth year of this international project among children of the world. Small gifts to be sent abroad for distribution on December 15th may be forwarded through World Christmas Festival, together with ten cents for each pound of parcel weight to help defray crating and shipping costs. Since 1945, American boys and girls, their teachers and friends have contributed gifts to 14 different countries. On each gift a small tag with the name and address of the donor provides opportunity for correspondence between children of the world. Gifts may be earmarked for a chosen country.

Information on this program may be obtained from the Committee on World Friendship amongst Children, 214 East 21st street, New York 10, N. Y. The deadline for receipt of parcels of gifts to be sent abroad is November 1st.

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The thirteenth anthology of original verse by boys and girls of the Kenmore public schools was published in June. The book is titled " Dawn to Day."

# High School Trains Salesmen

*The retailing class at Wilbur H. Lynch High School, Amsterdam, has a growing registration. The workshop or laboratory provides to members of the class opportunity for training in departmental and specialty type stores, supermarkets and variety stores, as well as a combination stage and window for demonstrations, lectures, dramatizations and display work.*

*The picture above shows a class in progress, with Craig Martin, instructor, holding a wire recorder which will later play back the conversation at the counter beside him, for discussion and correction of sales personality factors.*

*Each student in the retailing class is employed at least 15 hours a week in local stores, for practical application of classroom instruction.*

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# Appointed to Institutes' Staffs

Phyllis Sprague, for many years head of the institutional food administration program at Pennsylvania State College, has been appointed head of the home economics department at the State Institute of Agriculture and Home Economics at Cobleskill. Miss Sprague came to Cobleskill from Syracuse University, where she was a member of the institutional food administration staff.

Fern Jackson, formerly supervisor in the Department's Bureau of Home Economics Education, has been appointed head of the home economics department at the State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Morrisville.

# School Pupils May Compete

The American Technical Society is offering cash awards for textbook manuscripts to aid youths above the elementary school age to acquire and develop skills, work habits, occupational information and attitudes that make the worker a more intelligent and productive participant in our economic, industrial and social life. Manuscripts are to be submitted by December 31, 1949, to the American Technical Society, Drexel avenue at 58th street, Chicago 37, Ill.

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The fifth annual Pepsi-Cola Scholarship program starts in September when elections are held among high school senior classes to choose candidates for the contestants' preliminary examination. Finalists chosen on the basis of the first test will take the second examination in January and winners will be announced in March. The contest provides four-year college scholarships with full tuition, a subsistence allowance and traveling expenses for four years. Complete information about the program has been sent to schools.

There are currently eight New York State pupils using these scholarships, won in nation-wide competition.

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The 13th annual essay contest for trade, preparatory and high school pupils sponsored by International Printing Ink in cooperation with the National Graphic Arts Education Association announces this year's subject as " Printing and Free Government." This contest is approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. In last year's contest almost 15,000 essays were entered by pupils in 439 secondary schools of the Nation, with the first prize going to Helen M. Spencer, a pupil of the high school in Fayetteville, N. Y. Pupils of five other New York State schools — Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades; Brooklyn Technical High School; Montauk Junior High School, Brooklyn; Washington Irving High School, New York City; Mont Pleasant High School, Schenectady — also were awarded prizes.

Announcement of this contest was distributed to schools by the National Graphic Arts Education Association, 719 15th street N. W., Washington, D. C.

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The 14th annual essay contest for high school pupils, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, offers cash prizes for 1000-word essays on the theme " My Part in America's Future." Information may be obtained from local V. F. W. leaders or by writing to National Headquarters, Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., 406 West 34th street, Kansas City 2, Mo.

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## Franklin Celebrations

Announcement has been received from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution of the celebration this fall of the 225th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's historic trip in 1723 from Boston to New York and Philadelphia. Franklin's birthday anniversary is observed each year on January 17th.

*Local and state educators gathered in Syracuse May 25th–26th for the first state-wide Conference on Public Adult Education. Sponsored by the Bureau of Adult Education, the conference took for its main theme the development of comprehensive education programs in local communities.*

*The photograph above shows R. J. Pulling, Acting Chief of the Bureau, congratulating the young adults of the New York State Community Service Council who presented a panel discussion on young adult needs.*

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## Teacher Honored

When Northville celebrated the 75th anniversary of its incorporation as a village, in August, special honor was paid one of its school teachers, who is still actively teaching after 41 years in the Northville Central School District and the preceding Northville Union Free School District.

August 8th was designated as Edith Tennant Cunningham Day. A bronze plaque, commemorating her services, was presented at the exercises on behalf of her former pupils and friends. The plaque has been placed over the door of her classroom. Mrs Cunningham has taught two generations of children in many Northville families.

## Schoolmen Die

Wilbur H. Lynch, superintendent of schools at Amsterdam from 1922 until his retirement in 1938, died July 10th. He had previously been head of the practice school of Oneonta State Normal School and also director of the American system of schools in Mexico City. He served as mayor of Amsterdam after his retirement as superintendent.

W. Leon Hutt, associated with the schools of Hoosick Falls for the past 25 years, died suddenly in that city on June 17th. Mr Hutt was formerly principal of the high school at Hoosick Falls and later became superintendent of schools in that village. He had previously been principal of Mexico High School.

# This Is Your Bulletin

THE BULLETIN TO THE SCHOOLS of The University of the State of New York during the coming year aims to bring to its readers an increasing amount of news concerning the various schools and colleges in the State. It is hoped that the schools and colleges themselves will cooperate in helping us to do this. This is not only the Bulletin *to* the Schools. It is also the Bulletin *of* the Schools.

Specifically we are interested in receiving from students and teachers and school and college administrators information concerning successful programs in which they are participating. Such sharing of ideas, through the Bulletin, can, we feel, be a real contribution to education in this State. This month's Bulletin, for example, has a short article about a unique safety program at the Clinton Elementary School at Rockville Centre.

The Bulletin would also like to invite comments in general from its readers. These will be published in a special "Letters to the Editor" column each month.

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